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Palestinians attack in Haifa

RUT, May 17 (AP). — A Palestinian guerrilla group claimed its forces started fires in several buildings in the Arab Israeli town of Haifa. The Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in a statement its "interior forces acting inside occupied Palestine planted incendiary explosive charges equipped with timing devices in several buildings of Haifa's industrial sector. The charges exploded on time Monday evening, starting fires in several buildings and killing and wounding scores of Israeli enemies," the statement said. The group said the "operation commemorates the 30th anniversary of the occupation of our homeland by Israel." It added that the commandos who planted the charges "returned safely to base."

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U.S. nationals rescued from battle area, Zairean rebels identify themselves

KA, May 17 (Agencies). — U.S. officials said they have identified the latest insurgency in the Shaba Province as the active and potentially effective of the myriad groups led to President Mobutu Sese Seko.

parts of the country. The FNLC said today that 300 French para-troops had been killed while participating in a government attack, but both Zaire and France denied that any French forces were involved in the conflict. For his part, Zaire's ambassador in Belgium told Reuters that government forces had surrounded the rebel-held town of Kolwezi in Shaba Province.

The Ambassador, Inonga Lokongo L'ona said that no foreigners were fighting with his government's troops. And in Paris a spokesman for President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said the report about French soldiers being killed at Kolwezi was utterly baseless. "There is no French intervention in Zaire," the spokesman said.

Americans rescued

The U.S. State Department in Washington said that a convoy of trucks and helicopters rescued most of the Americans endangered by fighting in Zaire's Shaba Province today. But 11 Americans were left in the combat area.

Robert Holliday of the State Department said the rescue operation was mounted by Morrison-Knudsen, the Boise, an Idaho firm which employed most of the Americans in the area of Kolwezi, a town which has been captured by rebels. Holliday said the department did not have all the details of the operation. He said the best information he had was that the remaining Americans have not been injured and are not being held captive.

Holliday said the trucks and helicopters encountered no opposition as they made their way to a compound eight miles from Kolwezi where the Morrison-Knudsen employees were staying. They picked up the approximately 65 Americans there and drove them 60 miles north of the area to Munsu. From there, he said Morrison-Knudsen indicated it intended to fly the employees out of the region to safety. Holliday said initial reports reaching the department indicated that all of the group rescued by Morrison-Knudsen were "safe and O.K."

U.S. aid possible

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill said, "We're very definitely going to look into" President Carter's request that Congress relax its restraint against his sending aid to Zaire.

The speaker said Chairman Clement Zablocki, told him the House International Relations Committee is studying such relaxation and should have a report in about three weeks.

In Brussels, a Belgian government spokesman said that Prime Minister Leo Tindemans summoned ministers and military chiefs today to discuss possible action to help whites trapped in the fighting between Zaire forces and rebels.

He said the ministers were discussing ways of helping the estimated 1,500 foreigners in and around the town of Kolwezi. The government newspaper Tishrin said: "The artificial uproar over this deal is part of the psychological warfare launched by imperialism and Zionism to support capitulationist designs." (Egyptian Press)

Saudi minister: Arms deal signals fall of Zionist power in U.S.

KUWAIT, May 17 (R). — Saudi Information Minister Mohammad Abdo Yamani was quoted today as saying the U.S. Senate's approval of jet fighter sales to Saudi Arabia meant the fall of Zionist power in the U.S., but the 60 F-15 aircraft were hardly enough to defend Saudi Arabia.

He told the Kuwaiti daily newspaper Al Siyassah the warplanes "would not meet the defence requirements of Saudi Arabia, whose vast geographical expanse requires much equipment and many air defence networks."

He added that the aircraft would not upset the defence balance between the Arabs and Israel, "and Israel fully realises and knows this."

The deal, however, had another important aspect, "namely the psychological significance of its passage through Congress," he said.

"The success of the American administration in getting the deal approved by Congress and the activities of the Saudi lobby there mean that there are many things which could be expected," Dr. Yamani said.

The approval of the deal "means the fall of Zionist power in America and the victory of the just Saudi point of view. We can now expect many things in the interests of the Arab cause," he said.

Saudi newspapers today hailed the Senate's approval as a victory for Saudi policy and a shift in the U.S. policy towards the Arabs.

The daily Al Riyadh said Israel was "stunned by the shock and the determination of Congress to expel the pro-Israeli lobby."

The Jeddah-based Al Bilad said approval of the deal "conforms with what is just, with America's interests and its role in the region."

Another Jeddah-based daily, Okaz, said Saudi Arabia had "for the first time achieved a balance in the U.S. attitude towards the Arabs and Israel."

It called on Arabs to employ this "new situation in the U.S. to achieve a full American appreciation of the dimensions of the Arab-Israeli conflict and of what Israel represents not to this region alone but to world peace as a whole."

The paper Al Madina urged other Arab countries to improve their relations with the American people "following the same course adopted by Saudi Arabia and which is based on mutual respect and promoting common interest."

Hussein: Any armed presence on W. Bank must include Arabs

AMMAN, May 17 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein has said that if Israel insisted on having a military presence in the West Bank it would have to accept an Arab military presence there as well. In an interview, broadcast last night on British Television, King Hussein also countered Israeli allegations of "security requirements and self-defence" by saying that guarantees of security should be based on reciprocal foundations.

The growth of Israel and the increase of its military potential, the wars of 1948 and 1967 and the recent occupation of south Lebanon by Israeli troops confirm the fact that the Arabs themselves need security guarantees from the Israelis, the King added. Such arrangements should be governed by considerations that assure both sides that they will live in peace after the establishment of peace on a just and permanent basis, he said.

When lasting peace reigns in the area the existence of Israeli settlements on occupied Arab lands -- especially in the West Bank -- will have no justification whatsoever, King Hussein stated.

Israeli aims in Lebanon

On the Israeli occupation of south Lebanon the King explained that despite all Israeli excuses, the occupation of south Lebanon has been an age-old goal of Israel. We have time and again warned the world and the Arab Nation against Israeli intentions in Lebanon, he said.

King Hussein went on to say that the Israeli stance in the Middle East is not a realistic one given its recent interpretation of U.N. Resolution 242 and its refusal to withdraw from all occupied Arab lands and especially the West Bank.

We have not recently witnessed any real progress towards peace, he said. We believed that President Anwar Sadat's initiative would serve the purpose of peace if Israel responded to it at a time when the world has come to accept the sincerity of the Arab will for the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the region; but Israel did not alter its negative attitude towards peace, he added.

He emphasised that Jordan is ready to undertake its duties and play its full role in the process of peace when Israel will show itself ready to withdraw from all occupied Arab lands and when it proves it is ready to recognise the right

progress towards the achievement of peace. The question, the King added, was and still is Israel's choice between peace or land.

King Hussein confirmed Jordan's clear position and explained that Jordan insists on the return of all the lands occupied by Israel in 1967 and on the recognition of the Palestinians' right to free self-determination.

All efforts, the King said, must be aimed at achieving the right results at the right moment because the existing danger does not only threaten the Middle East but the world as a whole as well. He added that the Arab Nation must close ranks, mobilise its potential and understand that not military force but unity, solidarity and collective work will eventually reduce Israel to its proper size and do away with its illusion that it is a super military power able to acquire or abandon peace at this present stage.

The world's role

King Hussein pointed out that the United States as well as the whole world must play a more effective role in the achievement of peace. The region, he said, will be thrown into despair and danger if the current situation remains the same and if peace is not established in the Middle East.

His Majesty concluded by saying that Jordan knows and realises what difficulties face it but that the gravest danger lies in the disunity of the Arab Nation. If peace is not reached the Arab leadership must find the alternative to offer their peoples and this lies in their solidarity and the full utilisation of the tremendous Arab potential to serve the interests of the Arab Nation and its cause, the King said.

Hussein to Saudi Arabia on Saturday

AMMAN, May 17 (Agencies). — His Majesty King Hussein leaves here for Riyadh on Saturday on a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia, the Royal Cabinet announced today. It said the King was expected to hold talks on the Middle East problem and the current Arab situation with Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, who is deputising for King Khalid in his absence in Europe.

His Majesty will also discuss bilateral relations with senior Saudi officials, the announcement said.

of the Palestinian people to their future self-determination.

On Israeli-Egyptian talks

The King said that Jordan has announced it would not participate in the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations unless all parties concerned join them and that this does not mean that Jordan has taken a negative stance towards any

Leftist Egyptian paper seized as anti-Communist referendum readied

CAIRO, May 17 (R). — Egyptian Information Minister Abdul Munem Sawi today justified the seizure of a left-wing weekly opposition newspaper, saying the public prosecutor was merely exercising his rights.

Distribution of this week's issue of Al Ahali (the People), which has been strident in its criticism of President Anwar Sadat's government, was stopped last night by order of the Public Prosecutor's Office -- the first such action against a party newspaper.

In 1976 President Sadat created three political parties as the first experiment in democracy since the 1952 Revolution and they were subsequently allowed to produce their own newspaper.

Mr. Sawi told a press conference the public prosecutor could ask a court to halt distribution of any newspaper or magazine which he felt violated three basic principles -- national unity, social peace and the inevitability of the socialist solution.

Mr. Sawi said a court was at present reaching a decision on Al Ahali, which only began to appear in February. He did not say when he expected the court to reach its decision.

Mr. Sawi's press conference was originally called to explain in next Sunday's referendum when Mr. Sadat will seek to clamp down on Communists, pro-Moscow elements and pre-revolutionary politicians. The referendum also seeks to bar any Communist from writing in any newspaper or holding any post in the news media. Several Communists write in Al Ahali under pseudonyms.

The leftist party, the Progressive Unionist Party, yesterday issued a statement opposing the referendum which it said was "a blow to democratic practice and a violation of the constitution."

It was not known whether the statement was also to have appeared in this week's issue of Al Ahali. Observers said the three principles which newspapers must not violate are so sweeping they could theoretically be open to almost any interpretation.

Mr. Sawi said that under Egyptian law newspapers had to submit to the authorities six copies of each issue in advance but he denied that this was tantamount to censorship and said the law had been in existence for years.

He also made clear only the present issue of Al Ahali was affected.

Eritrean guerrillas say Ethiopians bomb villages but are still besieged in Asmara

3, May 17 (Agencies). — Eritrean guerrillas fighting Ethiopia's to regain control of the Red Sea Province of Eritrea today said Ethiopian planes were bombing villages near the coastal towns of Asmara and Massawa. The guerrillas said they were being hit from warships in the sea.

Ethiopian offensive whang three days ago, had predicted since a Cuban-led operation drove Somali forces from Ethiopia's Ogaden region earlier this year. Eritrean guerrillas have been active for the past 17 years independent from Ethiopia, which was given control of the province by the United Nations in 1950.

Reports received today from offices of the two guerrilla groups, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) and the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), said Ethiopian forces in Asmara were attempting to break through a guerrilla siege of the capital but have not done so yet as reports claimed yesterday. ELF spokesman Gosh Kifle told Reuters that Ethiopian planes and artillery were raining bombs and shells on three villages west of Asmara -- Himerbi, Mekerk and Dedda -- and Ethiopians were trying to advance from Sada Christian about 5 kms. from central Asmara.

"Heavy fighting is going on there but the Ethiopians have not broken out of the siege," he said. Mr. Gosh also said Ethiopia was shelling towns in the coastal Denkalia region of southern Eritrea from warships in the Red Sea. He gave no details.

Ermas Debesai, a member of the EPLF Central Committee, also told Reuters that Ethiopian forces were shelling and bombing villages near Asmara.

U.S. "not surprised"

The U.S. State Department said yesterday it was "not surprised" at the news of a massive new offensive by Ethiopia in its province of Eritrea. But while department spokesman Holliday Carter deplored the bloodshed and an alleged Cuban-Soviet involvement in it, he indicated that there was little the U.S. could do about it.

The State Department spokesman said Cuban advisory personnel are in Eritrea but he said there is no confirmation they are participating directly in the offensive. He also said there are no administration plans to step up the levels of American military assistance to its African allies. Nor, he indicated, is the administration willing yet to directly link the strategic arms limitation negotiations to Soviet-Cuban withdrawals from Africa.

Civil war looms over North Yemen, says Kuwaiti paper

KUWAIT, May 17 (R). — A Kuwaiti newspaper said today a civil war was threatening in North Yemen following an army rebellion in southern areas led by Maj. Abdullah Abdul Alem, a member of the three-man Command Council which was dissolved last month.

In a report from Dubai quoting diplomatic sources, the daily Al Siyassah said the cause of the alleged uprising was disagreement between Maj. Abdul Alem and President Ahmad Al Ghashmi.

The alleged rebellion was first reported by the Egyptian weekly newspaper Akhbar Al Youm on Saturday, but the story was immediately denied by the North Yemeni Embassy in Cairo.

The Kuwaiti newspaper said preparations were under way in San'a to dispatch troops to the Ta'iz area in the south to confront more than 5,000 rebel troops who have followed Maj. Abdul Alem.

The three-man council, which ruled the country after the assassination of President Ibrahim Al Hamdi last October till it was dissolved last month, was formed of Lt. Col. Al Ghashmi, Maj. Abdul Alem and Premier Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani.

Maj Abdul Alem enjoys wide support in central and southern areas, particularly for his demands that the president and the Consultative Council should be elected in general elections, the paper said.

Lt-Col Al Ghashmi was elected president by a Consultative Council appointed last month.

Italian extremists strike again: Turin policeman shot and wounded

N, May 17 (Agencies). — A pistol gunman shot and wounded a policeman as he was leaving his home to go to work today, police said. The gunman, calling himself "Front Line Fighting Formation" claimed responsibility for the shooting. A telephone call to Italian news agency ANSA said the Front Line here have executed the cop on Salerno Road, the caller said.

shot a few metres from the doorway of the police station located in Via Salerno. Fifteen members of the Red Brigades, the terrorist organisation which kidnapped and killed former Premier Aldo Moro, are being tried in this north Italian industrial town on extradition charges. The trial, started last March, has been adjourned to Friday after yesterday's hearing. Dr. Martini was on the staff of the political office at Turin police headquarters.

New anti-terror law

The shooting came just 12 hours after the Italian parliament gave Premier Giulio Andreotti's minority Christian Democratic government an overwhelming vote of confidence for tough new anti-terrorist la-

Efforts to curb Italy's wave of political violence were spurred by the kidnapping and murder of former Premier Moro.

The 522 to 27 vote in the Chamber of Deputies (lower house) quashed over 2,100 proposed amendments which would have blocked passage of the anti-terrorism bill.

Under the new law, police can question suspects without their lawyer being present, detain people for up to 24 hours for identity checks, tap telephones for unlimited periods and demand information from investigating magistrates.

The bill, already approved by the Senate (upper house), makes kidnapping -- one of the Italian underworld's most lucrative businesses -- punishable by life imprisonment.

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The test has just begun

History has a way of lining up its dramas in neat time segments, and we have another one with the observation that this week's U.S. Senate vote approving arms sales to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia comes exactly three years after 76 Senators sent a strongly worded letter to then President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger indicating strong backing for Israel. That letter cut short the Ford-Kissinger "reassessment" of America's Middle East policies, and it will probably be remembered as the high-water mark of the power of pro-Israeli forces in the United States Congress. Now, exactly three years later, the Senate has voted against Israel in what is considered by all to be a high-stakes affair -- the sale of sophisticated war planes to Arab states as well as Israel. The fact that the Israelis themselves made such a fuss about the deal makes the Senate's vote all the more important.

The conventional analysis now will say that this reflects a new global situation, in which the Saudi Arabians and the other "moderate" Arabs are more important to the United States and the Western world than they were three years ago. This is correct insofar as one counts how much oil is imported from Saudi Arabia. But the danger in this kind of argument is that it will be crudely turned against the Arabs by the use of such accusations as were made this month by former White House aide Mark Siegel, to the effect that the Arabs are blackmailing the U.S. with their oil. This is of course a ludicrous suggestion, without foundation, and in the same category as suggesting that the United States is trying to blackmail Egypt, Syria and Jordan with the hundreds of millions of dollars it gives these states in annual economic assistance.

The difference today over three years ago is that more senators are apparently willing to view the world from the perspective of American global interests, instead of only through the eyes of the Israelis. This does not mean selling out Israel, and everybody knows it. But to recover some lost ground, this accusation of America's letting Israel down will now come forth from many quarters. It is the test of the real maturity of the American Senate now whether it will be able to remain firm in its resolve, or whether it will scamper back into familiar old territory, where the world is viewed through the eyes of Israeli generals, and through nothing else. The Senate's test has just begun.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

In their editorials Wednesday Jordanian newspapers congratulated His Majesty King Hussein and Miss Noor Halaby whose engagement was officially announced Tuesday.

AL RAI points out that His Majesty has small children (Prince Ali and Princess Haya) who are in need of maternal affection after they were deprived of their mother the late Queen Alia more than a year ago.

AL DUSTOUR said the Jordanian family is happy to hear the good tidings on the engagement of its beloved King. The people extend to him and to Miss Halaby their hearty felicitations, wishing them both happiness and the best of luck.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibit

An exhibition of works by Jordanian artist Ismail Hamdan will be on display at the Soviet Cultural Centre on Jabal Amman. The exhibition continues daily till May 21.

Art Exhibit

The American Centre is featuring an exhibition of drawings and paintings by Linda Pierce Rawafib starting today. The exhibition continues till May 23 except for Friday.

Children's Art

An exhibition of drawings and paintings by school children from all over Jordan is on display at Sukeina Bint Al Hussein School on Jabal Hussein. The exhibition will go on for a few days.

Photo Exhibit

The British Council is presenting an exhibition of photographs on Jordan and the Middle East by Bill Lyons. The photos are on display daily till May 20.

Amman will host pan-Arab conference for integrating women in social, economic development at the end of May

By Ginette Devaney
Special to the Jordan Times

At the end of May about 80 visiting delegates will be arriving in Amman to attend the Regional Conference for the Integration of Women in Development which will be held from May 28 to June 3.

The conference is being held under the auspices of The Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Human Affairs. This influential body is headed by Mrs. Helvi Sipilä, the first woman to be appointed as an assistant to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

In co-operation with the Jordanian government, which will act as hosts for this conference, the centre will oversee the general arrangements. The proceedings will be conducted in Arabic with simultaneous translations.

This regional conference is an outcome of the recommendations of the World Conference of International Women's Year held in Mexico in 1975. A World Plan of Action was adopted at that meeting in which the decade following was declared a time for the

improvement of women's status throughout the world.

It was agreed in Mexico that 1980 would see an international conference in Iran, to assess progress and developments halfway through the appointed ten-year period. Each delegated country will produce a report on its individual progress and achievements, if any. The 1975 Mexico conference also agreed on a plan to hold regional conferences, and the meeting here in Amman this month is Western Asia's contribution.

Fourteen Arab countries will be sending delegations, with nations such as Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Egypt sending representatives as observers only as they have their own North African regional conference. The many varied United Nations organisations which are involved with women in development and women's advancement will be represented. Individual delegates, people of stature and consequence in the field of women's affairs, will also be invited to attend, bringing their knowledge and their experience for the benefit of the region.

Apart from the individual delegates and observers, eight groups of interested parties

will be invited: representatives nominated by ECWA; observers from the other member states of the United Nations; people from UNITAR and UNICEF; observers from the League of the Arab States Commission on the Status of Women and the Kuwait and Arab Funds; non-governmental agencies working for the develop-

ment and improvement of women's standing through the Economic and Social Council and finally members of the United Nations Secretariat. Mrs. In'am Mufti, a member of the National Consultative Council told the Jordan Times that from this country's point of view this regional conference is seen as the natural follow-up to the April 1976 "Manpower Development Symposium - The Role of Jordanian Women," chaired by His Highness Prince Hassan.

Tomorrow, the Jordan Times will be running an article in which Martha Stuart, the well known American television and film producer, discusses her recent visit to Jordan, the meetings she had with women here, and her plan to make a video-tape on leading women in Jordan when she returns this month.

As a result of this Symposium and the work of the Department of Women's Affairs at the Ministry of Labour and other government and voluntary organisations, Jordan is now considered to be one of the leading nations in the furtherance of the advancement of women in this part of the world. "We have been over-

titled "Education for Economic Development and Comparative Study on Women's Advancement in the Middle East." Another is on the subject of the impact of technology on the advancement of women. The use of video tapes, cassettes and films as development tools will be presented by Mrs. Martha Stuart, a well known American film producer and educationalist who recently visited Amman. Every country will be asked to submit an official national paper giving the current state of its women's affairs.

There will also be an exhibition set up by various local organisations in conjunction with the conference, designed to show some of the work done by women's groups and community associations -- handicrafts, for which there is a growing demand all over the world, such as basket ware, woven goods, and pottery will be shown, and work done with machinery such as clothes production and other work in manufacturing industries.

Eye bank to be set up at Health Ministry

AMMAN, May 17 (JNA). — An agreement for the establishment of a Jordanian eye bank was signed at the Ministry of Health today by representatives of the Ministry of Health, the University of Jordan and the Directorate of Royal Medical Services in cooperation with an American international ophthalmic institution.

Under the agreement, the University Hospital will be the centre for the bank which will collect and store eyes, and distribute them to specialists for use in ophthalmic operations throughout the country.

The bank will be run by a committee of four ophthalmic specialists, one to be appointed by the health minister, one by the president of the University of Jordan, the third by the director of the Royal Medical Services and the fourth, from the private sector, to be appointed again by the health minister.

The committee will aim to train ophthalmic surgeons to carry out cornea patching operations.

The agreement provides that the eye for the bank would come from voluntary donors, eye banks and institutions outside the country, and others would be obtained under the law about benefitting from human organs.

The three participants to the agreement will each pay an annual JD 2,000 towards the bank's capital.

Acting Minister of Health Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh said the agreement is the first step in introducing the cornea patching operation in Jordan. Jordanian specialist doctors would be able to operate on the cornea locally instead of sending the patient abroad.

Mr. Rawabdeh said Jordanian doctors are qualified for such operations but the non-availability of eyes has so far prevented their practise in Jordan.

Jordanian Folklore Troupe regales American audience

AMMAN — A contingent of the Royal Jordanian Folklore Troupe performed on May 6 for the first time in the United States of America, as part of a "hands across the sea" gesture of friendship and cultural understanding extended on behalf of the Jordanian people.

The occasion was the Sixth Annual Convention of the Na-

tional Association of Arab Americans in Pittsburgh, a large industrial city in the State of Pennsylvania. The folklore troupe's U.S. visit was sponsored by Alla, the Royal Jordanian Airline. The troupe appeared along with a delegation of Alla staff personally led by Alla Chairman and President Ali Ghandour. Performing, sixteen dancers

from among the most talented students and teachers in Jordan's schools, drew repeated applause and a standing ovation from hundreds of convention members and guests from more than 25 states.

Also represented at the convention by ambassadors or other officials were the Sudan, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Bahrain and Qatar. Jordan's ambassador to the U.S., Abdullah Salah, was among the honoured guests.

Performing in the grand ballroom of Pittsburgh's famous William Penn Hotel, the Folklore Troupe presented excerpts from a musical play, "Burias", using a large Bedouin-style tent as a backdrop. The music was a blend of classic and contemporary Arabic compositions.

Mr. Ghandour, in an address earlier in the three-day convention, underscored the importance of the troupe's appearance.

"After years of political campaigns and debate," he said, "the time is ripe to inform and communicate with the American public through cultural means more subtle than through political propaganda. 'Cultural exchange,' he emphasized, "is an excellent and effective way of creating friendly ties with another people and conveying the aspirations of each to the other. This was our goal when we sought permission of the U.S. government to begin our direct air routes."

Alla began service between Amman and New York last summer in cooperation with Syrian Arab Airlines, to provide the first direct nonstop flights between the Middle East and North America by any Arab carriers.



Members of the troupe perform in striking costumes.

Economic and Business News

Preparation for invitation to tender for Azraq-Jafar road complete

AMMAN, May 17 (JNA). — Preparations have been completed for the invitation to tender for the construction of a 181 kms. road linking Al Azraq with Al Jafar in the south east, the Minister of Public Works, Said Bino announced today. He said contacts are underway to obtain enough funds to finance the project which is estimated to cost JD 11 million. The ministry is currently improving the 50 kms. highway linking Al Jafar with Ma'an in the south in order to connect the Iraqi border with Aqaba to help transit trade between Jordan, Iraq, and countries in the Arabian Gulf.

Jordanian team to investigate possible Libyan investments

AMMAN, May 17 (JNA). — A delegation headed by the Minister of Finance, Mohammad Dabbas is off to Libya to investigate the possibilities of Libyan investment in Jordan. The visit, which comes at the invitation of the secretary of the Libyan treasury, is according to Mr. Dabbas, to acquaint Libyan leaders of Jordan's development projects with a view to making it possible for the Libyan Jamahiriyyah to contribute to these projects. The delegation, including the director general of the Housing Corporation, the deputy president of the Jordan Valley Authority, the president of the National Planning Council and the director of public relations at the Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs, will also discuss the possibilities of establishing joint ventures between the two countries.

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National News Roundup

Thursday, May 25 public holiday

MAN, May 17 (JNA). — All government departments public institutions will be closed next Thursday, 25 on the anniversary of Independence and Army, an official statement from the prime minister's office announced today.

Jordan, W. Germany exchange memoranda on new telecomm. station at Aqaba

MAN, May 17 (JNA). — Jordan and West Germany exchanged memoranda on West German technical assistance to Jordan for the establishment of a marine communications station at Aqaba. The station will facilitate telecommunications between Aqaba harbour and other ports as well as with ships heading for Aqaba. Memoranda were signed at the Ministry of Transportation by the Minister, Ali Suheimat, and the West German Charge d'Affaires in Amman, Wilhelm Schuermann.

Cabinet endorses agreement with Pakistan

MAN, May 17 (JNA). — The Cabinet endorsed today cultural, technical and labour exchange agreement which has been concluded between Jordan and Pakistan.

Soviet T.U. delegation visits labour, information ministries

MAN, May 17 (JNA). — A visiting delegation of Soviet trade unionists met today with the Minister of Labour, Issam Al Ajlouni. The minister expressed the hope that the Soviet labour sector would continue to port the Arab labour force, particularly in the occupied areas. The Soviet delegation also met with the Minister of Information, Adnan Abu Odeh, who explained ministry's organisation and its role in national guidance.

Lab. for the study of glass, ceramics established at RSS

AMMAN, May 17 (JNA). — A laboratory for the study of the chemical, physical and mechanical properties of glass and ceramics has recently been instituted at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), an official at the RSS said today. The laboratory is being supplied with the necessary instruments for measuring the effects of pressure and heat on various kinds of fire tiles and ceramics as well as for the study of raw materials used in the manufacture of glass and ceramics such as caoline, sand glass, and feldspar.

Aramco may use Jordanian medical personnel

AMMAN, May 17 (JNA). — Acting Minister of Health, Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, today discussed with a health team from the Arab American (oil) Company (Aramco) in Saudi Arabia the possibility of providing the company with Jordanian professional medical personnel. The possibility of sending a number of personnel from the company to train in Jordan's medical establishments was also discussed.

FAO-sponsored agriculture meet to be held here

AMMAN, May 17. — Meetings of the executive committee of the regional federation for agricultural security in the Near East and North Africa are due to start here on Thursday. Delegates from Iraq, Sudan, Morocco, Pakistan, North Yemen and Jordan will take part in the meetings which are sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Activities for 1978/79, training programmes, and the general budget will be among subjects discussed.

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At the British Council Photo exhibit reveals "Jordan's real roots" ... what was, still is, but soon won't be

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

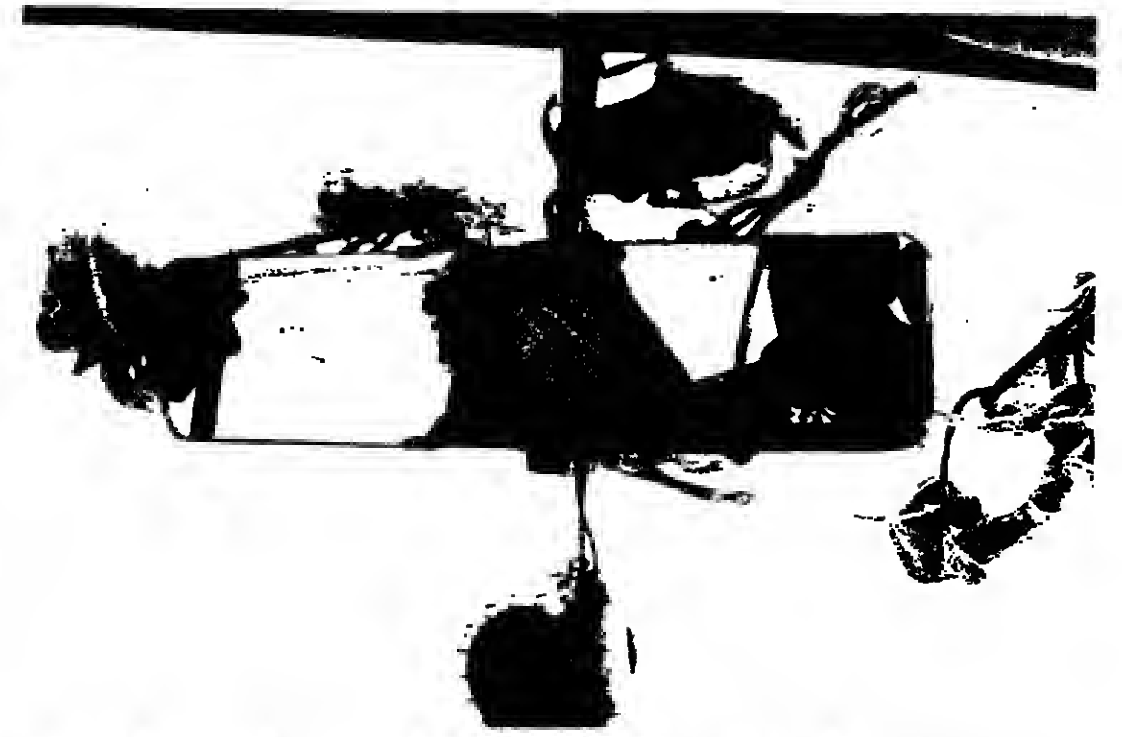
AMMAN, May 17 — There is a small but jewel-like display of photographs on show for just three days at the British Council, which should not be missed.

A possible criticism of Bill Lyons' exhibition is that the photos tend to be a bit too good to be true. Mr. Lyons, who has taken the photos over a period of three years while working as a professional photographer in Jordan says that they are meant to be "documentary". He makes no attempt to keep his viewers guessing about the subject of his works. But they are not everyday shots.

He is interested in "Jordan's real roots" — in "what was, still is, but soon won't be." There are a good many photos of picturesque people at work on their traditional crafts, or of horsemen or camel riders brilliantly dressed for the pageantry of the King's Jubilee.

There are also some spectacular and rather unbelievable evening shots. Enormous orbs hang low in twilight skies, hinting a little too much at special effects. And there is an extraordinary photo of the plastic agricultural tunnels of the Jordan Valley turned into a sort of molten bronze with the rays of the setting sun and a clever camera lens.

Photos of this sort are displayed amongst others that



"Taxi Driver -- Amman", one of Bill Lyons' black and white photos currently on show.

are far more realistic and low key. Mr. Lyons displays his virtuosity in a wide range of techniques. Just next to a photo of the races at Marka, for instance, which brings out the speed of the event with a rush of colours, there is a static little print in sepia tones of a woman with her donkey apparently frozen in the past.

Some of the most impressive photos are in black and white. There is a delightful one of a camel refreshing himself from the village tap. But there are others which combine interesting studies of people with bold almost abstract compositions.

Bill Lyons' own favourite is an almost entirely abstract colour print that is actually a view of his neighbour's window in Wadi Seer Street. Patterns stuck on the pane are illuminated from inside to give the suggestion of a mosque with a little man praying.

The shot was almost missed because every time the neighbour returned, Mr. Lyons relates, he would switch on the light but immediately fling open the window and ruin the composition.

It would be a shame to miss it again by not getting to the British Council before Sunday to see the exhibition.



The poster advertising Bill Lyons' photo exhibition.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian file
Buying/Selling

U.S. dollar	314.00/316.00
U.K. sterling	568.00/572.00
W. German mark	147.00/147.90
Swiss franc	157.00/157.90
French franc	66.80/67.20
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20
Japanese yen (for every 100)	137.80/138.60
Dutch guilder	137.50/138.30
Belgian franc (for every ten)	94.30/94.90
Swedish crown	67.00/67.40

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	519	6,700	6,750	6,750
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	3,481	15,400	—	15,450
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	315	—	2,300	2,250
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	3,766	—	—	16,700
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	420	8,350	8,600	8,400
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	323	1,300	1,350	1,350
Arab Development and Investments Co.	JD 2,000	180	—	1,850	1,800
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	11,028	—	7,100	7,100
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	3,000	—	—	60,000

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	10:15	Arabic play
5:30 Quran	7:00	Educational film
5:45 Cartoons	7:30	News in Hebrew
6:15 Groux	7:45	Musical Box
8:00 News in Arabic	8:30	Tony Randall Show
11:00 News in Arabic	9:10	Lord Oliver presents
Channel 3:	10:00	News in English
7:30 Arabic programme	10:15	Movie of the week
8:30 Arabic series		
9:30 Arabic programme		

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign-on	13:04	Pop Session
7:01 Morning Show	14:00	News Bulletin
7:30 News Bulletin	14:10	Music
7:40 Morning Show	14:30	Special Feature
10:00 News Headlines	15:00	Concert Hour
10:02 Morning Show	16:00	Pop Session
10:30 Happy Journey	17:00	Hall of Fame
11:00 Sign-off	17:30	Pop Session
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	18:00	News Summary
12:04 Pop Session	18:03	Album Review
13:00 News Summary	18:10	News Bulletin
	18:10	News Reports
	19:30	Sign-off

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Husseini Youth City (83273)
Amman:	
Amman Al Haj (75888)	Pharmacies:
Fayeq Qaddoumi (52626)	Amman:
Irbid:	Sabbagh (23157)
Ahmad Shihawi (3915)	Fares (80600)
Zaqra:	Susman (42205)
Yalton Tawfiq (82884)	Sabbagh (52265)
Taxis:	Hindi (24422)
Venecia (44584)	Irbid:
Najeh (23038)	Award:
	Zaqra:
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BBC RADIO

13:45	The Pleasure's Yours
14:30	Talkabout
15:00	Radio Newswel
15:15	Outlook
16:00	News; Commentary
16:15	Be My Guest
16:45	World Today
17:00	News; Crick
17:35	Book Choice
17:45	Sports Round-up
18:00	News; News about Britain
18:30	Brain of Britain
18:40	Outlook; News Summary
19:30	Stock Market Report
19:45	Take a Sparkling Pair
20:00	News; 24 Hours
20:30	A Jolly Good Show
21:00	Paperback
21:30	Business Matters
22:00	News; World Today
22:25	Financial News
22:35	Book Choice; Reflections
22:45	Sports Round-up
23:00	News; Commentary
23:15	Merchant Navy
23:30	Top Twenty

VOICE OF AMERICA

03:00, 04:00, 05:00 and Reports, VOA Current News Summary, 03:30, 04:30 and 05:30 GMT: An informal presentation of popular music with feature reports and interviews, answers to listeners' questions, Science Digest, 12:45 Sports Round-up, 13:00 News; 24 Hours, 13:30 New Ideas, 13:40 Book Choice	18:30	Feature: Science in the News, News Summary, New Music USA
	19:00	News Roundup, Reports, Acquisitions, Opinion, Analysis
	19:30	VOA Magazine, American Science, Cultural, Letters
	20:00	Special English, News, 20:15 Music USA (Grand)
	21:00	VOA World Report: News ... newsmakers' voices
	21:30	correspondent's reports, ... background features ... media comments, ... news analyses

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	01:00	Cairo
5:50	Cairo (EA)	
8:00	Bangkok, Bahrain (RJ-GP)	
9:40	Kuwait (RJ-GF)	
9:45	Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GF)	
10:00	Johannesburg	
10:15	Baghdad	
10:30	Riyadh (SDI)	
11:30	Rawalpindi (BA)	
11:45	Damascus	
12:30	Kuwait (RJ-GF)	
13:00	New York	
13:30	Rome	
14:00	Cairo	
21:00	Beirut (MEA)	
21:00	Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)	

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37008
Goethe Institute	41983
Soviet Cultural Centre	42320
Uganda Arts Centre	65195
Husseini Youth City	67181
Y.W.C.A.	41793
Y.W.M.C.A.	64281
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	65111
United Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36181

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24381-4
Fire headquarters	23000
Firstaid, fire, police	19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najfeh roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	21111, 37777
Airport information (Alia)	55205
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hazra Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	228-527
American Centre	323-562
Arab Cultural Centre	323-727
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	357-801
British Cultural Centre	333-584
British Cultural Centre	333-582
French Cultural Centre	330-896
National Museum	225-018
Soviet Cultural Centre	114-554
Spanish Cultural Centre	225-520
Uganda Art Gallery	334-802
Zakariya Public Library	334-810
	111-318

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	115-328
Electric Power Co. (urgent)	223-867
Fire headquarters	81
Information	25/77
Municipal water service	113-500
Time (in Arabic)	90

Israel claims right to exploit resources in occupied Sinai

UNITED NATIONS, May 17 (Agencies). — Israel yesterday rejected a complaint by Egypt that it had no right to exploit publicly-owned oil resources in the occupied Sinai, saying it was entitled to do so under international law.

Israel said also it would go ahead with oil drilling in the territory seized from Egypt in the 1967 war. In a letter released here yesterday, Israeli U.N. ambassador Chaim Herzog insisted that the dispute over Sinai oil is between oil companies: one which held a concession from Egypt prior to 1967, and the company which won a concession from Israeli military authorities.

rights in the Gulf of Suez to a U.S. company, Amoco, in 1964, but Israel has prevented Amoco from drilling in the area since the 1967 war. Mr. Herzog did not name the oil concessionaire.

"Israel maintains strongly that it is not legitimate to bring a commercial dispute of this kind before the United Nations," Mr. Herzog said. He referred to an April 12 letter to Secretary General

Kurt Waldheim from Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammad Ibrahim Kamel, in which Kamel demanded that Israel cease drilling in occupied lands.

"The Arab Republic of Egypt reserves its right to restitution and full compensation for exploration, exploitation, depletion, loss and damages resulting from such Israeli operations," Mr. Kamel had said. Any oil company which cooperates with Israel in the Sinai would be barred from future concessions in Egypt, he said.

In 1975, Israel returned the Abu Rudeis oil field to Egypt, which has demanded compensation for oil removed by Israel. Israel then launched a five-year, \$180 million exploration programme, which paid off last December in a strike off the Sinai coast near El Tur, about 96 kms. north of the southern tip of the peninsula.

Mr. Kamel cited a General Assembly resolution adopted in December, which called on all states and corporations to refrain from assisting in "any measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the resource of the occupied territories."

Both nations agree that under international law Israel has "usufructuary powers" — the right of using property belonging to someone else.

"This does not include the right to develop oil fields," Mr. Kamel had said.

"The Egyptian minister for foreign affairs fails to cite the near unanimous interpretation whereby an occupying power may work publicly-owned mines," Mr. Herzog replied. "This interpretation appears... in both British and United States military manuals."

OPEC denies reports it will cut production 20%

VIENNA, May 17 (AP). — The official spokesman for the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries denied today reports of an OPEC-wide programme to cut back crude oil production by 20 per cent.

The spokesman, Hamid Zaheri, was asked to comment on press reports from Kuwait by its Oil Minister Ali Khalifah Al Sabah as saying OPEC has started such a programme.

"I believe the minister has been misinterpreted," Mr. Zaheri said, adding he may have been referring to his own country and possibly to other OPEC member countries.

"But there is no concerted effort in OPEC to cut back oil production," Mr. Zaheri said. "We would totally deny such an assertion."

Some of the 13 members of OPEC have mentioned possible production cuts in the past, because of an over-supply.

In Kuwait last week, the Arab oil ministers in the Organisation of Arab Oil Producers held a one-day meeting and disclosed afterwards they were reconsidering their "production and refining strategies."

Figures show improvement in U.S. industrial performance

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP). — The American industry increased output by 1.1 per cent in April further shaking off the effects of the cold winter and the coal strike and pointing to a strong performance by the nation's economy in months ahead, government figures showed yesterday.

The Federal Reserve Board said production gains were widespread throughout the economy, with strong increases in the automotive industry, business equipment and metals and other durable materials. Auto assemblies were up six per cent during the month to an annual rate of 9.8 million units.

The 1.1 per cent increase in industrial production followed a 1.3 per cent increase in March, when the economy began to turn upward following severe winter weather and the coal strike.

The Federal Reserve Board said about one-fourth of the April gains were due to further resumption of coal production following the end of the strike.

Carter administration economists have been so encouraged by the solid production gains in the past two months that they have reassessed the odds of the economy for the remainder of this year.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Reds' Joe Morgan drives in four runs with homer to beat Expos 5-1

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP). — Tom Seaver of the Cincinnati Reds struck out 13 batters and scattered seven hits in beating the Montreal Expos 5-1 last night for his first complete game of the season.

Seaver, 2-4, yielded his only run in the first inning on three consecutive singles and Joe Morgan drove in four runs for the Reds with a three-run homer in the fifth and a first-inning double. Pete Rose had three hits, two of them doubles, and scored twice.

Both of Seaver's victories this season have been against the Expos.

The Reds struck for one run in the first on doubles by Rose and Morgan.

In the fifth, Seaver led off with a walk off Wayne Twitchell, 2-3, Rose doubled, and Ken Griffey singled home Seaver. Morgan followed with his sixth homer of the season.

Houston scored three runs in the first inning on RBI singles by Enos Cabell and Bob Watson and Art Howe's sacrifice fly en route to a 6-1 victory over Philadelphia. Longtime Astros nemesis Steve Carlton, 4-4, was the loser, and Mark Lemongello, 3-4, got the victory, working 51-3 innings.

Atlanta at New York in the National League was rained out.

In the American League, Cleveland's David Clyde, 1-0, won his first major league game since 1974, beating the Oakland A's 3-2. Buddy Bell tripled home two Cleveland runs in the seventh, and Rick Manning singled home the other run in the first. Clyde allowed four hits and struck out seven.

Rookie Hosken Powell drove in five runs with a three-run homer and a single, and Dave Goltz, a 20-game winner for Minnesota last season, got his first victory of the season against three losses as the Twins downed Baltimore 8-1.

Left-hander Ken Holtzman went 51-3 innings, gave up eight hits and won his first game in more than a year when he beat the New York Yankees 5-3. Chris Chambliss drove in three New York runs with a pair of singles and Thurman Munson had two RBIs.

Unbeaten Bill Lee collected his sixth victory, scattering nine hits, and Dwight Evans' 400-foot solo homer in the seventh provided the winning run as Boston downed Kansas City 3-2.

Pinch hitter Otto Velez drove home Dave McKay with the winning run in the eighth inning and Toronto rallied to beat California 5-4. McKay had tied the score with a triple. Mike Willis, 1-2, got the victory in relief of Tom Underwood.

San Bando had two RBIs and scored the winning run as the Milwaukee Brewers edged Texas 4-3. Bando's ground out in the first inning put Milwaukee ahead 1-0 and his double to right centre gave the Brewers a 3-1 lead in the fifth. After leading off with a single, Bando scored in the eighth on Sixto Lezcano's sacrifice fly.

Three N.L. night games on the West Coast had St. Louis at San Diego, Pittsburgh at Los Angeles and Chicago at San Francisco. Seattle was at Detroit in the A.L.

Major League baseball results and standings of the Tuesday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	20	9	.690	—
Boston	23	12	.657	—
New York	19	12	.613	2
Cleveland	15	16	.484	6
Milwaukee	15	17	.469	6
Baltimore	13	19	.406	8
Toronto	13	19	.406	8
WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	22	11	.667	—
California	19	13	.594	2
Kansas City	18	14	.563	3
Texas	15	15	.500	4
Minnesota	12	23	.343	11
Seattle	12	25	.324	12
Chicago	9	20	.310	11

Tuesday's games:
Cleveland 3, Oakland 2
Toronto 5, California 4
Detroit 4, Seattle 2, 16 innings
New York 8, Chicago 3
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 1
Boston 3, Kansas City 2
Milwaukee 4, Texas 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	17	13	.567	—
Montreal	17	15	.531	1
Chicago	16	16	.500	2
Pittsburgh	14	18	.438	4
New York	14	20	.412	5
St. Louis	14	21	.400	5
WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	21	12	.636	—
Cincinnati	20	14	.588	1
Los Angeles	20	14	.588	1
Houston	15	16	.484	5
San Diego	15	18	.455	6
Atlanta	12	18	.400	7

Tuesday's games:
Atlanta at New York, postponed, rain
Cincinnati 5, Montreal 1
Houston 6, Philadelphia 1
San Diego 7, St. Louis 5
Los Angeles 3, Pittsburgh 2
San Francisco 4, Chicago 3.

Japanese trade surplus is cut by almost 1/3

TOKYO, May 17 (R). — Japan, which has been under heavy pressure to reduce its big trade surplus and take more imports from other countries, announced today that the surplus has been cut by almost one-third.

Increased imports and declining exports slashed the trade surplus for April to \$2.24 billion from \$3.13 billion in March, the Finance Ministry announced.

Seasonally adjusted, the April surplus fell to \$1.77 billion from \$2.76 billion in March with exports down six per cent and imports up ten per cent.

Finance Ministry officials said imports of manufactured goods, including vehicles, industrial machines and textiles increased substantially during the month.

Japan's enormous trade surplus has been blamed for much of the troubles afflicting the foreign exchange markets recently, where the world's major currencies have been fluctuating nervously.

The United States, by contrast, has a big trade deficit, and this has contributed to the recent decline of the dollar.

As the industrialised world struggles to move out of the recession years which brought about industrial stagnation and high unemployment in the early 1970's, repeated calls have been made for Japan to accept more imports and thus help other nations to recover.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8122/32
One dollar	2.1315/30
	2.2795/2805
	1.9885/9905
	33.23/25
	4.6910/30
	872.60/30
	227.80/95
	4.6770/85
	5.4640/4710
	5.7590/7610

U.S. dollars	
West German marks	
Dutch guilders	
Swiss francs	
Belgian francs	
French francs	
Italian lire	
Japanese yen	
Swedish crowns	
Norwegian crowns	
Danish crowns	

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stock prices closed quietly mixed Wednesday with government bonds moving narrowly and equities mixed to easier, dealers said.

Long dated gilts were around 1/8 easier after earlier recovering slightly with sentiment still unsettled by the fall in sterling. But shorts were fractionally higher due to selective buying. Leading industrials were mixed to easier and at 15:00 the F.T. index was down 1.1 at 480.5.

Mining shares remained mostly firm.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$177.50/oz.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Do not indulge in cression that is too expensive for your pocketbook and ow you are wise. Be more willing to cooperate with loved es. Make life together more ideal.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Avoid s ndency to argue at home and try to establish greater rmony instead. Get rid of tension. Plan a trip that can ing good results, whether of a personal or business ure.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Use much care in driving, alking, since both you and others are apt to make istakes. Use care in speaking also, since tempers incline be short.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be careful in handling nancial affairs since you could make serious errors harwise. Make improvements to real estate and other idings so that you feel more secure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You feel dissatisfied and ant to make new connections, change your way of living. ait for a better day before getting started. Analyze nancial position well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be careful in making ans or giving other favors, since they might not all be ns fide. Listen to advice given you by an intelligent lend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Not a good day to e friends, since they are preoccupied with their own fairs. Study fondest aims and how to best gain them. ave a plan for living.

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Iran gambles on a world copper shortage

By Philip Marvin

LONDON, (F.T.) — In his Shahnameh (Book of Kings), Ferdowsi, an Iranian poet, attributed the earliest exploitation of copper in Iran to Hushang, a king of the prehistoric Pishdadi dynasty. Now, in the fifty-second year of the Pahlavi dynasty, Iran is preparing to enter the modern world of copper production.

Modern archaeologists first found clues to the existence of Iran's copper belt in the form of numerous crude copper smelters fired by charcoal. The belt extends from Baluchistan in the southeast to Azerbaijan in the northwest.

Sar Cheshmeh deposit

In 1967 the first major deposit of copper ore was discovered at Sar Cheshmeh in the southern Kerman province and placed under the control of the newly-named National Copper Company of Iran (NCCI).

In August 1976 the National Iranian Copper Industries Company was formed to take charge of all new copper mining, smelting, and refining activity. Thus Sar Cheshmeh is

now a NICIC subsidiary. The oval-shaped Sar Cheshmeh ore body is approximately two km. long by one km. wide. Drilling has been carried out to a depth of 500 metres and proven reserves are now estimated at 850m tons. Still deeper drilling may take this total to 1,000m tons. With an average metal content of 1.2 per cent the ore ranks among the best in the world.

Sar Cheshmeh is being developed as an open pit operation and is being worked with the U.S. company Anaconda acting as overall consultant. It produced its first concentrates in mid-1977. In September the smelter is expected to reach a 50 per cent operating level which will rise to 75 per cent in January next year. The initial output target of 145,000 metric tons per year should be attained in June 1979. Production will eventually be increased to 400,000 tons per year by 1983.

Refinery

The final contract for the electrolytic refinery associated with the complex was signed early this year. It was, to no one's surprise, awarded to a 55:45 consortium of Mechim

Iran has decided to make itself self-sufficient in copper within the next few years. If the expected world shortage of copper begins to develop during the same period, the multi-billion dollar gamble will have paid off. If not, Iran's new copper plant at Sar Cheshmeh will be a very expensive mistake.

of Belgium and Krupp of West Germany. The Iranian government holds a 25 per cent stake in Krupp. The refinery with an initial capacity of 145,000 tons per year is to be paid for in part by a barter deal involving Iranian crude oil.

One problem is that the new refinery will not be fully operational until late next year and in the meantime up to 250,000 tons of blister copper will have been produced from the smelter. Part of this will be toll refined for domestic consumption but the remainder will have to be toll refined for sale abroad. British, West German and Japanese refineries are in competition for the business.

High development costs

While operating costs at Sar Cheshmeh should be fairly low, capital costs of development are, even by current

standards, extremely high. Total capital cost is now put at \$1.4bn, equivalent to \$9,333 per metric ton of refined capacity.

Massive investment in infrastructure has represented a large chunk of Sar Cheshmeh's final bill. For instance, to produce the huge amounts of water needed in copper production 15 deep-water wells have been drilled at Khatounabad, 42 kms. from the mine. About half of the water used will be recycled. A dam is being built 17 kms. from the plant site to hold the water from the plant area so that it can be returned.

Another expensive item has been five 25MW generators to provide power for the operation. The refinery will be able to operate either on oil or gas. The gas will be relayed by a gas pipeline planned for the newly-discovered gas deposits on Qeshm Island near Bandar Abbas. Meanwhile as-

phalted roads and a railway will link Sar Cheshmeh with the country's transport network.

Costs have been multiplied due to the severe congestion in Iran's ports and consequent price inflation on imported plant and material. This may be partly counterbalanced if, as seems likely, the Iranian government decides to supply fuel and energy to the mine at favourable prices. This would also offset the high costs of importing skilled foreign mining staff and training local men.

By-products

With present copper prices at record low levels it is particularly useful that Sar Cheshmeh ore is expected to produce between seven to eight tons a day of molybdenum, for which the market is in a much healthier state. There should also be added benefit from by-products such as gold, silver, selenium and tellurium.

There are also plans for downstream operations to transform the copper into sheets, pipes and copper alloys. The aim in terms of copper consumption per head is to raise Iran's present annual consumption rate of seven to eight kilos to something nearer the

16kg level. This will mean that Iran should become self-sufficient in copper within the first year of its mining complex coming into operation, however fast its present consumption of around 75,000 tons per year increases. And by the early 1980's, when it is predicted that a world copper shortage will begin developing, there could be a significant surplus for export.

But should this neat formula not work out, then Sar Cheshmeh would represent a very serious mistake in Iran's long-term economic strategy. As it is, if the experience of Sar Cheshmeh is any sort of a guide to the likely pattern of capital costs in greenfield sites elsewhere, copper prices would have to average \$1.50 per pound before private companies would consider a similar project. At present, free market prices for copper have fallen as low as 55 cents per pound.

Only state financing and the likelihood of subsidised energy costs have made Sar Cheshmeh possible. But even in the present depressed state of the world economy it looks a reasonable gamble.

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Divorced women find their freedom but often at loss of financial security

By Norris Willatt

LUGANO, (F.T.) — Even in these days of equal rights for women and divorce by consent, divorced women in one sense are an underprivileged minority. In most countries, they lose the social security benefits which are determined by the earnings of their husbands.

Social security systems tend to operate on the assumption that the husband's insurance will take care of his wife and that the two will continue to live together until one of them dies. If it is the husband, then the widow automatically becomes eligible for a widow's pension on the basis of his earnings.

But, as the International Social Security Association of Geneva is at pains to point out in a recent survey, this assumption is becoming less and less valid. In the more advanced industrialised societies at the present time, one out of every three or four marriages breaks down.

Chronological polygamy

Moreover, declares ISSA (which is affiliated with the International Labour Organisation), this is not just a passing phenomenon. It represents a basic shift in life style, from monogamy to what is

described as "chronological polygamy".

The international organisation further points out that the general world-wide trend towards easier divorce has not been paralleled by a similar evolution in the sphere of social security. This applies especially to the status of the divorced woman.

In many countries if a marriage breaks down the wife forfeits all rights to social security benefits that were guaranteed her so long as she was married. In Austria, Belgium and France, for example, ex-wives are usually deprived at once of pension rights, and shortly thereafter of the right to receive sickness and maternity benefits.

It is true that many women divorce only to remarry, and so can begin to qualify for benefits again through the new husband, according to ISSA, this applies in about six out of ten cases. But of the others many go out to work, when they tend to receive lower wages and so qualify for lower benefits than men. Some remain single and also have to raise families and for them benefits cease.

Under existing laws, women who remain unmarried can usually claim alimony. But this is whole principle, of support for the divorcee and her dependants, is coming up for re-examination as divorce itself

becomes more based on consent between the two parties, and more automatic.

Nowadays, in more and more countries, a marriage can be dissolved by one of the parties producing evidence that the other has permanently left, or by both testifying that the marriage has irrevocably broken down. ISSA concludes that this situation has come to stay: "It is not easy to see how durability will again become a feature of marriage."

This is because "modern conditions and the moral sensibilities which they foster have created the basis for a much more pluralistic family system in which novel patterns of domicile, economic activity and domestic behaviour are emerging, including the frequent occurrence of divorce."

Liberalising divorce laws

Lawmakers, it seems, are bowing to the inevitable. They are liberalising the divorce laws so that marriages can be ended by mutual consent, without either partner having to be stigmatised as at fault, as used to be necessary under traditional legal codes.

In Canada and New Zealand, proof of permanent physical separation is sufficient to obtain legal separation. In France, Belgium, the Nether-

lands, Great Britain and West Germany, mutual testimony to a breakdown of the union is all that is necessary.

Even traditionally conservative countries are changing their attitudes and their laws. In Italy, where the influence of the Roman Catholic Church is still strong, a divorce law -- the first -- passed by parliament in 1970 was approved four years later in a popular referendum initiated by its own opponents.

Social security risk

So, women can obtain their freedom on an equal basis with men and without the stigma of times past. But they still may have to pay a penalty in terms of financial security, both at the time and in years to come. In short, as Christine Cockburn and Delmer Hoskins claim in a study they undertook as top ISSA officials, divorce may still involve a social security risk.

They have surveyed the situation in 26 countries, and have come to the conclusion that "the problem is not in itself the growing number of divorced persons, but rather that not enough is being done to ensure that all -- older or younger, with or without children -- have access to the necessary social protection and secure income."

They do not find the solution in the voluntary social insurance schemes that are open to women who have divorced without remarrying or taking a job in such countries as West Germany and Italy; very few ex-wives care to join.

The solution may lie in the direction of allowing husbands and wives to divide equally the value of the social contributions that have been made up to the moment of divorce; this would guarantee a pension and other benefits to the wife in her own right. West Germany has sponsored legislation along such lines, and it is being studied in such other countries as the United States and Canada. ISSA thinks de-

cisions cannot be too long delayed.

Increasing break ups

The reason is the sharply rising date at which couples are "breaking up" especially in the industrialised countries. In the past 20 years divorce rates have quadrupled in England and Wales; tripled in the Netherlands; about doubled in Belgium and Denmark. The incidence in West Germany, France, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, has also sharply increased. The United States, however, with over 1m divorces in 1976, still sets the world record.

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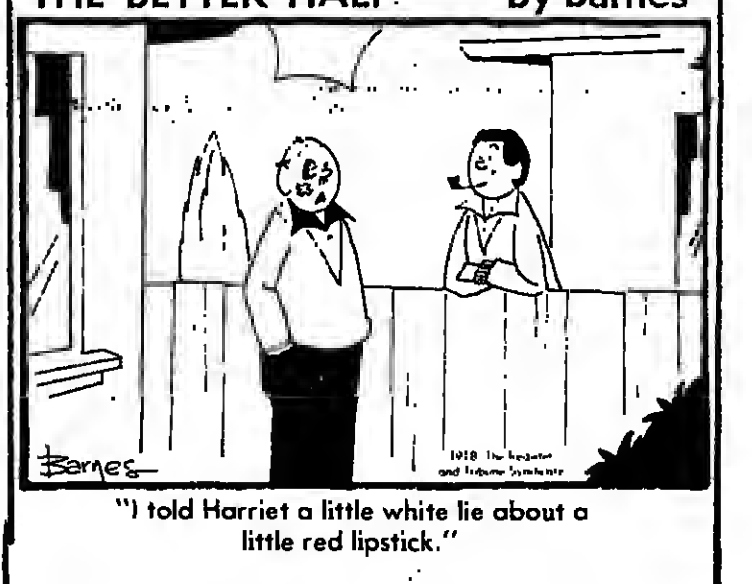
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A new bridge TV show is now being aired. Called "Master Bridge with Edwin Kantar," the show features a celebrity guest and three others playing a hand of bridge, with commentary by current world team champion, Eddie Kantar.

This is one of the hands featured on a show. After a normal auction South became declarer at four spades. The point of the hand is the importance of signalling on defense. West leads the king of diamonds, and East must follow with the queen. This signal specifically states that the opening leader's partner has the jack as well.

With a doubleton queen you should follow with your low card; this is the only occasion where you do not play high-low to signal a doubleton in the suit partner has led.

It is obvious to West that he cannot expect much more from his partner than the queen-jack of diamonds. However, that information should be all that West needs to defeat the contract.

West can count on two probable diamond tricks and the ace of spades to complete the defensive book. Where is the fourth trick going to come from?

Obviously, the only hope is a heart ruff--South must have the ace of clubs for his jump to three spades. To secure that ruff, West must be able to enter his partner's hand, and the only entry is the jack of diamonds.

Therefore, West must abandon diamonds after the first lead and shift to the queen of hearts. Declarer is helpless. He cannot try to discard a diamond on the fourth round of clubs--one defender or the other will surely ruff. His only chance is to hope that he can draw West's trumps.

At trick three declarer leads the ten of trumps, but West wastes no time. He grabs the ace of spades and underleads his ace of diamonds. East wins the trick with the jack, and the winning defense is obvious. He shifts back to hearts, and West's ruff defeats the contract by one trick.

Dominican army halts counting of votes in presidential election

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, May 17 (AP). — The Dominican army stopped the counting of votes in the presidential election early today after challenger Antonio Guzman took a big lead over President Joaquin Balaguer. Military officers invaded the headquarters of the Central Electoral Board, stopped the broadcasting of election results and the vote count and expelled everyone from the building.

Large numbers of troops were in the streets as tension gripped Santo Domingo.

At the time, Guzman was leading Balaguer 326,076 votes to 218,703 in unofficial returns from the voting Tuesday. This included about one-third of the vote cast in the capital.

Mr. Guzman, the 67-year-old candidate of the Dominican Revolutionary Party, was clearly the winner in Santo Domingo and was leading in Santiago, the country's second

city, and smaller urban centres throughout the country. But spokesmen for Mr. Balaguer's Reform Party kept claiming that a large rural vote for the president would offset Mr. Guzman's lead.

Salvador Jorge Blanco, the President of the PRD, called an urgent news conference after the army intervened.

The 70-year-old president is running for his fourth four-year term.

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Greek Cypriot journalist denies working for PLO

TEL AVIV, May 17 (AP). — Greek Cypriot journalist Panayotis Paschalis, accused of spying for the Palestine Liberation Organisation, testified yesterday that photographs and maps he had collected here were research for a book and articles he was writing.

Taking the stand in his own behalf, Mr. Paschalis denied the information was to help the PLO plan seaborne attacks on Israel.

"Paschalis showed in his testimony that all the information he gathered was public and printed in other newspapers or for sale by the government itself," said his lawyer, Amnon Zichroni. "He came to Israel to cover the Egyptian-Israeli political negotiations in January when he was arrested."

Earlier, a security expert testified that the photographs taken by Mr. Paschalis were of the same sort that terrorists used in March when they landed on the coast and hijacked two buses of Israelis. Thirty-five persons died in that attack.

"The maps which Mr. Paschalis collected are on sale worldwide by the Israeli government," said Zichroni, "and pictures similar to the ones he had also appeared in the Jerusalem Post."

Mr. Paschalis has worked for the East German Television and News Service, and for the Greek Cypriot newspaper Harajit.

Mr. Paschalis was gathering material for a book comparing the lives of Jews and Arabs in Israel, when he was arrested," Zichroni said.

U.S. navy spots three UFO's in Florida sky

OCALA, Florida, May 17 (AP). — "I've never seen anything like it," says Timothy Collins, a navy radar technician who tracked an unidentified object over the Florida sky. "And I don't want to see anything like it again."

Mr. Collins was among at least a dozen workers at the navy's Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range who said they spotted the brightly lit objects late Sunday.

The navy personnel, interviewed by the Ocala Star Banner, said one object seemed to hover, then turned abruptly and sped off. Computer-equipped radar could not follow the UFO, they said.

"The computer wouldn't handle it," said Lt. Cmdr. John Sullivan, Commander of the range, used by the navy to train its combat pilots in tactics for avoiding enemy weapons.

Robert J. Clark of Detroit, Michigan, Duty Officer Sunday night, said curious civilians began calling, including one man who said he and seven others on State Road 19 near Silver Glen Springs had seen an object, 50 or 60 feet in diameter with flashing lights.

The naval air station at Jacksonville said no navy planes were in the area.

"So we got out the binoculars and went up on the tower," Mr. Clark said. "We located an object due north,

approximately 500 metres above the trees. We watched it for 15 or 20 minutes and it looked like it was pretty stationary."

"We locked in on it and then all of a sudden it was gone," Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Collins, a navy radar technician for eight years, was manning the scope.

"First it was heading south when suddenly it was heading north. All in the split of a second ... planes just don't have a turning radius like that," Mr. Collins said.

They said a preliminary digital readout showed the object at that time to be moving at about 3 knots, meaning it was virtually motionless.

Then it moved, turning abruptly so that the computer couldn't track it, they said.

"I can't explain what it was," Clark said. "It didn't seem to us like an aircraft."

Carol Snyder said she and a dozen other base personnel went to the top of a control tower with binoculars. "We saw three very blurry lights — red, white and green," she said. "We watched them for about 30 minutes."

Radar later detected a second object east of the base and a third to the south, sometime between 11 p.m. and midnight, the navy personnel said.

Comptroller calls cumbrous bureaucracy Israel's "flat tyre"

JERUSALEM, May 17 (AP). — Israel's state comptroller, the national watchdog whose job is to run spot checks on government agencies and report their deficiencies to the people.

Working out of a small office with a handful of investigators, Comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl compiled a 1,020-page report of dozens of government offices ranging from the lowly Olive Marketing Board to the Ministry of Defense.

The annual report, the 28th since the office was set up, came before the Knesset Monday for scrutiny.

Cumbrous Bureaucracy

This year, Mr. Nebenzahl aimed his guns at the cumbrous bureaucracy, and called it Israel's "flat tyre". No matter how efficient the rest of the country was, it could not run without proper administration, he said.

The comptroller recommended creating a new cabinet post to oversee administration — an idea unlikely to create enthusiasm in a government already topheavy with 19 ministers.

Mr. Nebenzahl's last report caused a furor by criticising the army's unpreparedness for war — a shortcoming that Israel's thought had been corrected after the setbacks of the 1973 Mid-East conflict.

This year he found the country's emergency equipment in better shape and gave the

military high marks for improvement.

But his random checks uncovered some irregularities: in one armoured division, the starters of six out of 17 tanks did not function and the batteries were flat on 11 of 16 armoured personnel carriers.

In another battalion he found hundreds of reservists called up for manoeuvres, but not enough vehicles for training. It cost the nation \$7,000 for the extra reservists to do nothing for ten days, he said.

Drugs, chiefly hashish, are a growing problem in the army, but commanders are not doing enough to combat it or to help police catch the pushers.

Mr. Nebenzahl found many government offices overspending, then juggling their accounts to fit the budget.

No accurate accounts

The Treasury, he said, had no accurate account of its debts or assets, and only a hazy picture of who owed what to whom.

The comptroller also rapped the Communications Ministry — one of the few with a healthy income — for its inability to cope with telephone installation requests, and found that 50,000 ballots were invalidated in last year's national election because the Interior Ministry failed to make up an accurate list of eligible voters.

Many of the criticisms in the massive report repeated those of previous years and Nebenzahl was asked at a news conference if his own office was effective in righting the government's wrongs.

"Can you imagine what this country would be like without a state comptroller?" he replied. "It would fall apart."

Chaplin's body is recovered; police arrest alleged thieves

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, May 17 (AP). — The body of Charlie Chaplin, stolen from his village grave the night of March 2, has been recovered and police have arrested the two alleged thieves, a Pole and a Bulgarian, authorities said today.

The two men were arrested yesterday after allegedly calling police demanding a ransom for the return of the comedian's remains, according to Magistrate Jean-Daniel Tenthorey.

He said the body was found near Villeneuve, a small town at the eastern tip of Lake Geneva about ten miles east of Corsier-sur-Vecve, where Chaplin spent the last 25 years of his life and where he was buried last Dec. 27.

M. Tenthorey, the Vevey

District Examining Magistrate who directed the 2 1/2-month investigation, said the body was recovered early today. He said more than 50 police investigators took part in the final phase of the search.

He did not say immediately whether other suspects were being sought.

Chaplin's oak coffin weighed 325 pounds and detectives said it would have taken at least three strong men to drag it some 50 feet from its gravesite in the cemetery overlooking Lake Geneva before loading it onto a small van.

There was no immediate comment from Mr. Chaplin's widow, Oona, and the family's Swiss lawyer, Jean-Felix Pas-

choud, refused to talk to reporters.

M. Tenthorey refused also to give any information about the thieves, how many they were, or their nationality. But he said "a serious ransom demand" for the return of the body had been made.

M. Tenthorey and the family had received a series of anonymous phone calls after the theft of the body, but police said virtually all of them were from people who obviously were not connected with the crime.

"Let's just say that among all the false demands we received, this one was serious and was taken seriously," M. Tenthorey said.

102 jailed in Iran for rioting

TEHRAN, May 17 (R). — More than 100 people have been imprisoned in Tehran following recent riots and anti-government demonstrations, legal sources said here today.

They said 102 people had been jailed after "confirmation of charges" that they took part in the disorders. Cases against 117 other people were still pending, they added.

The number of arrests in other towns during the disturbances has not been disclosed but from press reports they appear to have totalled several dozen.

A government warning last week that trouble-makers would be arrested and further disorders not tolerated has quelled the wave of unrest except for occasional minor incidents.

Soviets formally charge dissident

MOSCOW, May 17 (R). — A young dissident detained at the weekend has been formally charged with anti-Soviet slander over a book he wrote alleging psychiatry was used in the Soviet Union for punitive purposes, friends said today.

The detained dissident, medical orderly Alexander Podrabinek, was taken from his home on Sunday night on the eve of the Orlov trial after a five-hour search by KGB security police who took away books and manuscripts.

Mr. Podrabinek was closely associated with Dr. Orlov's group, and himself headed a sub-committee which produced reports alleging that Soviet psychiatrists cooperated with police to suppress dissents.

China rejects Soviet explanation of border incident

PEKING, May 17 (R). — China today rejected a Soviet explanation of last week's border incident and said it had proof that Soviet troops opened fire on Chinese people in the area.

Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Yu Chan today read a statement to Soviet Ambassador V. S. Tolstikov and said Pe-

king was waiting for a formal reply.

The Soviet Union last week-end admitted there had been an incident on the Ussuri River on May 9 and expressed its regrets to Peking, describing the incident as a mistake.

Mr. Yu told the ambassador: "Facts amply prove that this intrusion of Soviet troops

was by no means a case of inadvertent trespass into Chinese territory but a military provocation organised by the Soviet side."

China says a helicopter, 18 military boats and about 30 troops crossed the river and shot, wounded, kicked and beat several Chinese.

Moscow said the intrusion

occurred when Soviet troops were pursuing an "armed and dangerous criminal," and that no Chinese were involved.

But Mr. Yu described the affair as: "A bloody incident created by Soviet troops and a demonstration of the Soviet policy of hostility to China and of threat or use of force against China."

In one year as prime minister Begin brings Israeli dealings with Arab World full circle back to deadlock

By Patrick Massey

TEL AVIV, (R). — In one eventful year under Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Israel has moved full circle through stalemate to breakthrough and back again to deadlock in its dealings with the Arab World.

The central theme around which most of the year's events revolved was established by Mr. Begin shortly after his upset general election victory on May 17, 1977.

He told cheering Jewish settlers in Israeli-held Arab land:

"For ten years now (since the 1967 War) we have talked about the 'occupied territories'. From now on we should call them the liberated territories."

Throughout the subsequent chain of surprising developments, capped by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem last November, Mr. Begin has shown no sign of wavering on one fundamental conviction.

This is that the West Bank and the Gaza Strip belong to Israel as part of a divine Biblical heritage and must remain permanently under Israeli control.

Begin's rise to power

Mr. Begin's accession to power came 29 years after his days as hunted leader of the pre-independence Jewish underground movement. He spent the intervening years on the political sidelines.

Soon after assuming office Mr. Begin travelled to Washington for what was widely expected to be an acrimonious confrontation with President Jimmy Carter.

At that time the clash failed to materialise, despite the already growing divergence of views between Mr. Begin and President Carter.

Instead the two leaders postponed discussion of substan-

tive issues and set about devising a formula for reconvening a general Middle East peace conference at Geneva.

All last summer negotiations went slowly ahead on what form a Geneva conference should take and in particular what role should be played in it by Palestinians.

By Begin adamantly refused to accept Arab demands that the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) should play any role at all at Geneva.

Mr. Carter sent his Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, shuttling unavailingly between Israel and the Arab states to seek agreed conference format.

But by the end of October the chances of a Geneva meeting had receded almost out of sight. Israeli, Arab and American diplomats cast uncertainly around for a formula to keep discussions going.

Sadat's initiative

Then on Nov. 9 President Sadat startled the world by announcing that he would be willing to visit Jerusalem and put his case to the Knesset.

At first there was international disbelief but ten days later President Sadat stepped out of a plane at Israel's Lydda Airport.

President Sadat duly addressed the Knesset and said he was willing to recognise Israel's right to a secure existence. Few Israelis appeared to give much weight to his other main point that peace must be preceded by full Israeli withdrawal from captured Arab land.

In the general atmosphere of bonhomie each side appeared convinced that the other was ready to back down on the basic issues.

Unprepared to yield

Not until Christmas Day at a summit meeting in Ismailia did it emerge that neither le-

ader was prepared to yield significantly on the one overriding issue, the future of the West Bank and Gaza and the Palestinians living there.

Mr. Begin had presented a plan to give the West Bank and Gaza self-rule under continued Israeli military control. He also agreed to withdraw from all but a few corners of the Sinai Peninsula border region.

Israelis in general regarded the plan as a far-reaching concession. They appeared astonished when Mr. Sadat rejected the plan as insufficient to meet Arab aspirations.

For some time belief persisted among many Israeli officials that Mr. Sadat's rejection was little more than a temporary political manoeuvre.

But on Jan. 19, Mr. Sadat pulled his delegation back from a foreign ministers' conference in Jerusalem, accusing the Israelis of dragging their feet in negotiations.

From then on it was recognised that Mr. Sadat could not easily be budged from his demands for Israeli withdrawal.

But Mr. Begin insisted that pulling out of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would leave Israel in grave peril. He allowed Jewish settlers to set up outposts in the West Bank and to extend settlements in the northern corner of Sinai.

For a while attempts were made to carry on with talks between Israeli and Egyptian defence ministers in Cairo. But these petered out in the gradually resumed climate of hostility.

U.S. missions

The United States sought to keep negotiations alive with another shuttle mission, this time conducted by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton. His task was to devise a mutually-acceptable set of peace principles. But the effort bogged down in a dis-

pute over fine shades of meaning in whatever formula he proposed.

All this time Israel's relations with the United States had been growing steadily frostier over Mr. Begin's refusal to accept the principle of withdrawal from the West Bank.

And when the Israeli leader visited Washington in March the clash that had been predicted for the previous July finally took place.

Absorption with politics

In his absorption with international politics, Mr. Begin devoted little time personally to other aspects of government.

He allowed his Finance Minister, Simcha Ehrlich, to launch a new rightwing economic policy which dismantled some of the socialist-type controls set up during decades of Labour Party administration.

The shift to a more free-market economy was followed by increased business activity but failed to rein back an inflation rate now running at 50 per cent a year.

On the security front, Mr. Begin's reaction to attacks by Palestinian commandos has been characteristically sharp, culminating in the invasion of southern Lebanon last March in retaliation for the Palestinian raid that killed 36 Israelis near Tel Aviv.

Since the March visit to Washington Mr. Begin has again visited the United States for Israel's 30th anniversary independence celebrations. This time the public atmosphere was more cordial although the underlying discord remained.

Mr. Begin brought home from his latest trip some compromise American suggestions for study by the Israeli cabinet Sunday.

Mr. Atherton said that Israel would have to make "agonisingly difficult choices" if peace talks were to be revived.

JUMBLE.
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RUSUP
BYDAN
STEWEN
UNDOAR

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TONIC WAFER BIKINI PAROLE
Answer: What seven days of dieting make — ONE "WEEK"

THE Daily Crossword
by Alfio Micci

ACROSS

- Swan girl
- Certain levy
- Respite
- plaisir
- Cocktail garnish
- Remarkable one sl.
- Government departments
- Culbertson
- Vipers
- Finnish lake
- Watch the calories
- Kind of line
- Macmillan or Pinter

DOWN

- "Comes in like a —"
- Deposit money
- Cooking abbr.
- Government departments
- High point
- Expensive violin
- Genus of swifts
- Take five
- Whimpered
- Foreign: comb. form
- Stow cargo
- Knievel
- Challenge
- Pro
- Threw
- Curry aunts
- Short term of endearment
- Conclude
- Jargon
- Brass instrument
- Swan genus
- Unemployed
- Pin down
- Like some gasoline building
- Young hog
- Sea bird
- Deceive
- Venerate
- Word on an invoice
- Lay out cash
- Opera headwear
- Verdi's "Chorus"
- English poet
- Starla
- Verdi opera
- Coin of Iran
- Cozy retreat
- Open
- Awkward boats
- Musical work
- Aunt in Arles
- Party open
- Noted publisher
- Doctrines
- Pagan god
- Record
- Astonish
- 100 cents
- Top
- Ostrichlike bird
- Impost

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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ROSE GENSE EATION
WORLDWIDE ATTENTIONS
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